

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 6,8,18 and 19. These sheets, which include Figs. 6,8,18 and 19, replace the original sheets including Figs. 6,8,18 and 19. In Figure 6, reference number 128 has been changed to 129. In Figure 8, reference number 216 has been changed to 224. In Figure 18, reference number 552 has been changed to 553. In Figure 19, reference number 534 has been changed to 533.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

Remarks/Arguments

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 14, 18, 24, 31 and 33 include allowable subject matter.

The limitations of claim 14 have been included in claim 1 and therefore should be allowable. Claims 2-9 and 11-35 depend from independent claim 1 and should also be in condition for allowance.

New claim 36 includes limitations from claim 18 and should therefore be in condition for allowance. Claim 37 depends from claim 36 and should also be in condition for allowance.

The limitations from 24 have been included in new claim 38 and therefore should be allowable. Claim 39 depends from claim 38 and should also be allowable.

The limitation of claim 33 have been included in new claim 41 and therefore should be allowable.

In the specification, the paragraphs beginning at page 16 line 7, page 19 line 4, page 22 line 15,, page 27 line 1, page 28 line 20, page 30 line 11, page 32 line 6 and page 33 line 3 have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

In amended Figure 6, the element numeral 128 has been changed to 129.

In amended Figure 8, the element numeral 216 has been changed to 224.

In amended Figure 18, the element numeral 552 has been changed to 553.

In amended Figure 19, the element numeral 534 has been changed to 533.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claim 1-6, 8-11, 16-17 and 34-35 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,892,497. The Examiner states that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from claims 1-9, 12-13 and 21-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,892,497.

The instant application (10/674,103) and U.S. Patent No. (6,892,497) are commonly owned by Suncast Corporation. However, all of the independent claims include limitations from allowable claims not listed above. Claim 1 includes limitations from 14, claim 36 includes limitations from claim 18, claim 38 includes limitations from claim 24, claim 40 includes limitations from claim 31 and claim 41 includes limitations from claim 33. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection now be withdrawn.

Claims 1-9 and 11-35 remain in this application.

Claim 10 has been canceled.

Claims 36-41 have been added.

In response to the Office Action of October 10, 2006, Applicant requests re-examination and reconsideration of this application for patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132.

Objections to the Claims

Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 5 to provide antecedent basis for the limitation "said locking bosses".

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 5 to provide antecedent basis for the limitation "said locking bosses"

Claim 15 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1 to provide antecedent basis for the limitations therein.

Claim 25 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the limitations therein.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claim 7 has been amended to change the limitation "double boss connector" to "floor panel connector" described at page 26, line 15 of the specification.

Rejection under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1,2,5,8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greene (U.S. Patent 6,796,087) in view of Skov et al. (U.S. Patent 6,701,678).

Claim 1, as amended, includes limitations from claim 14 as well as the intervening claims. Therefore, this claim should be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-9 and 11-35 depend from amended claim 1 and should also be in condition for allowance.

Neither Greene nor Skov teach or suggest a side panel for a shed with a first horizontal edge having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with a side wall panel member or a corner pillar member in an interlocking co-planar relationship and a second horizontal edge having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with a side wall panel member or a corner pillar member in an interlocking co-planar relationship. Wherein the first horizontal edge attachment means includes at least one slot constructed and arranged for attachment of at least one T-connector, the at least one T-connector having a first end portion and a second end portion, wherein the first end portion of the at least one T-connector is inserted into and secured in place by said slot, wherein the second end portion of the at least one T-connector extends outwardly from the first horizontal edge for interlocking cooperation with an adjacent side wall panel or corner pillar resulting in a mechanically secure connection between the panels.

Claims 1,6,9,10,15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skov et al. (U.S. Patent 6,701,678) in view of Greene (U.S. Patent 6,796,087).

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Claims 6 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skov et al. (U.S. Patent 6,701,678) in view

of Greene (U.S. Patent 6,796,087) and further in view of Paz et al. (U.S. Patent 6,250,022).

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Claims 19-23, 25-28 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greene (U.S. Patent 6,796,087) in view of Skov et al. (U.S. Patent 6,701,678) and further in view of Skov et al. (U.S. Patent 6,581,337).

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Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greene (U.S. Patent 6,796,087) in view of Skov et al. (U.S. Patent 6,701,678), Skov et al. (U.S. Patent 6,581,337) and further in view of Bumann (U.S. Patent 1,936,571).

Claim 1, as amended, includes limitations from claim 14 as well as the intervening claims. Therefore, this claim should be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-9 and 11-35 depend from amended claim 1 and should also be in condition for allowance.

Claim 32 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greene (U.S. Patent 6,796,087) in view of Skov et

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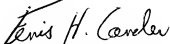
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Summary

In light of the foregoing remarks, amendments to the specification and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will now find the claims of the application allowable. Favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously requested. Should there be any remaining issues which can be resolved via an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

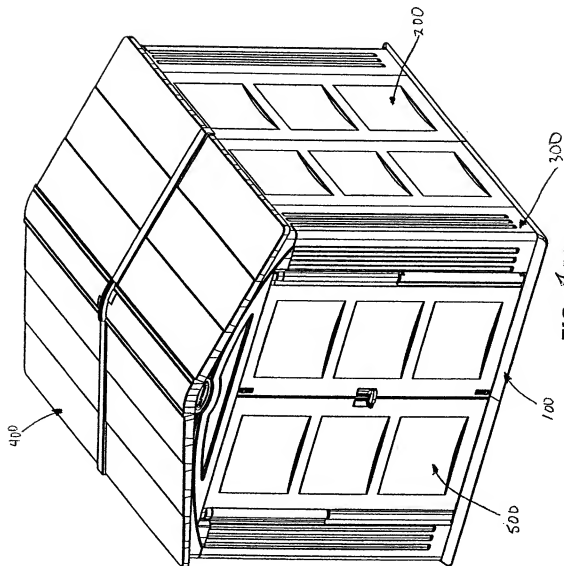
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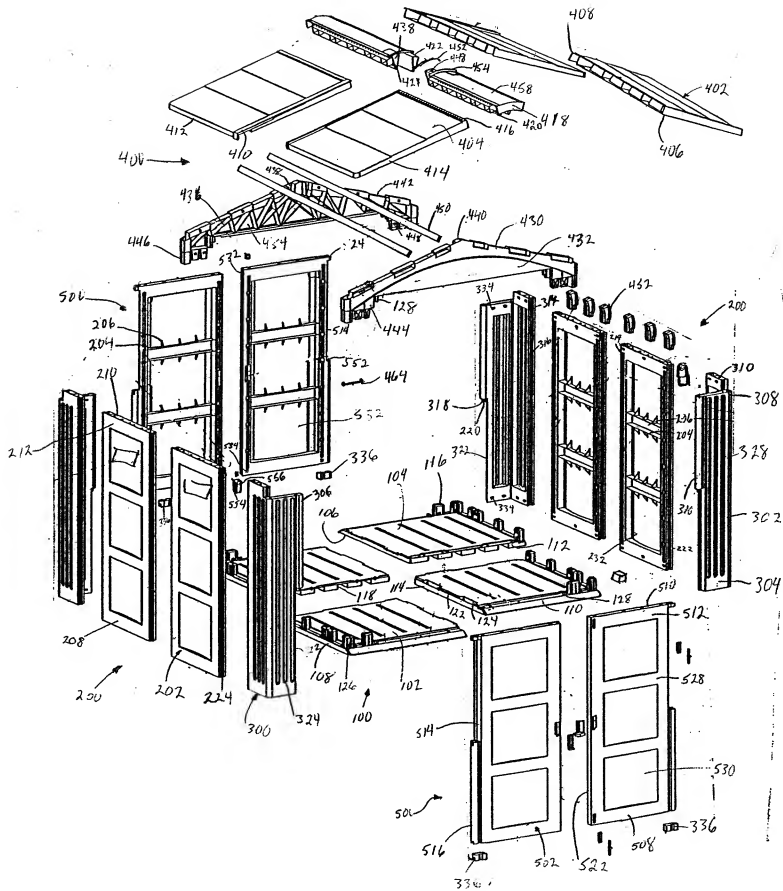


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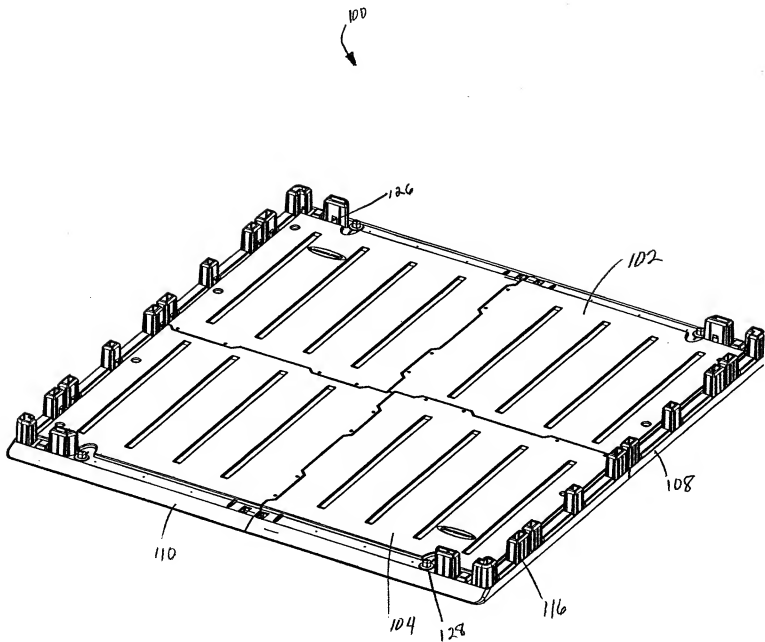


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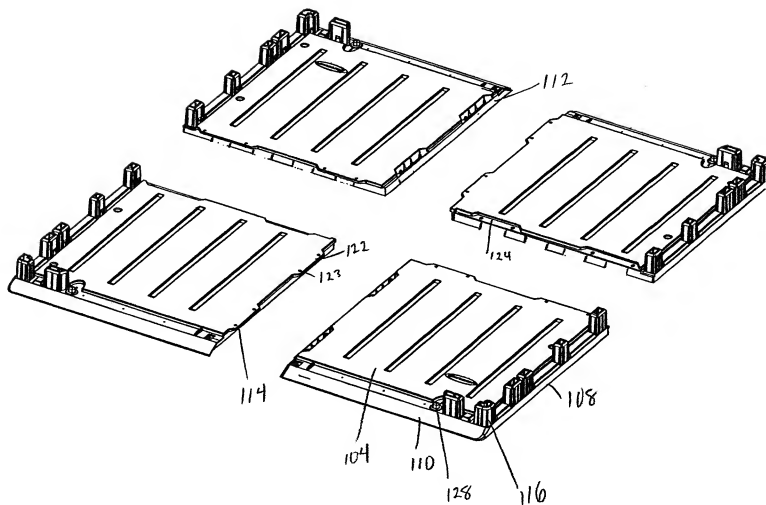


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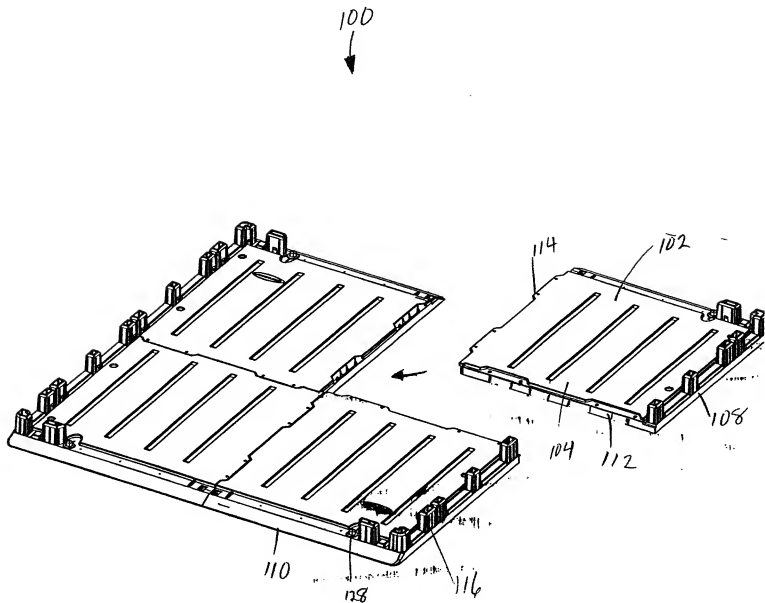
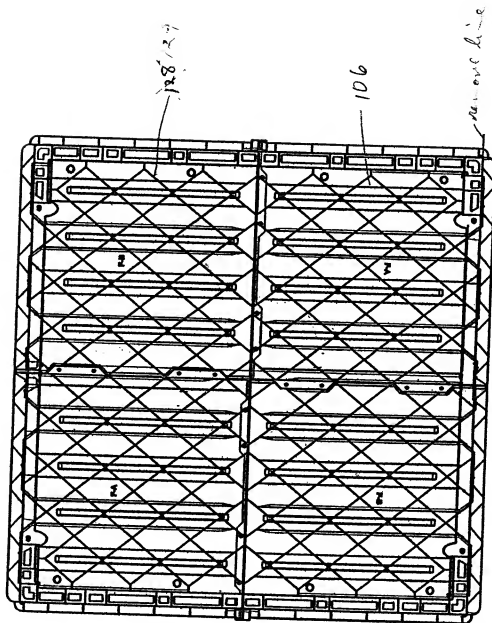


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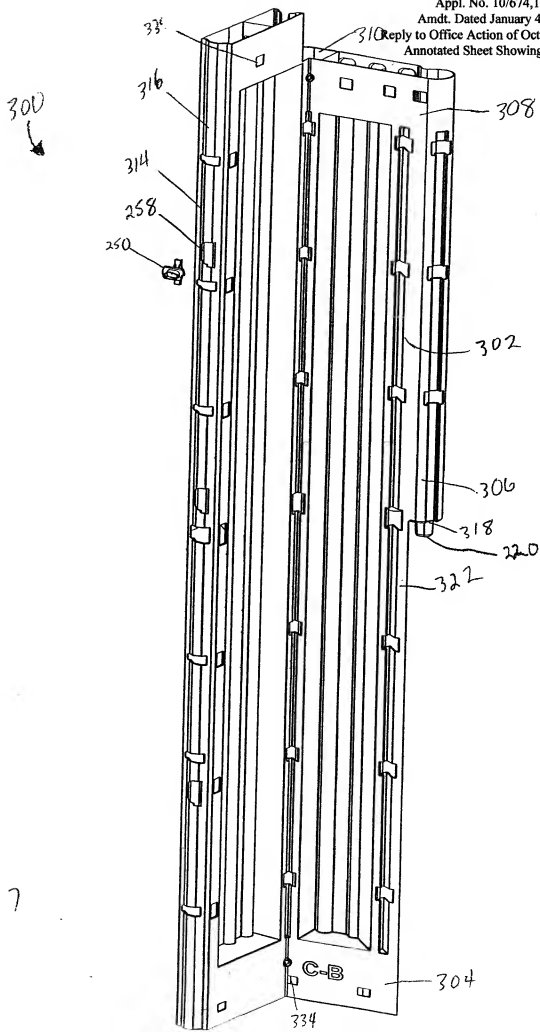


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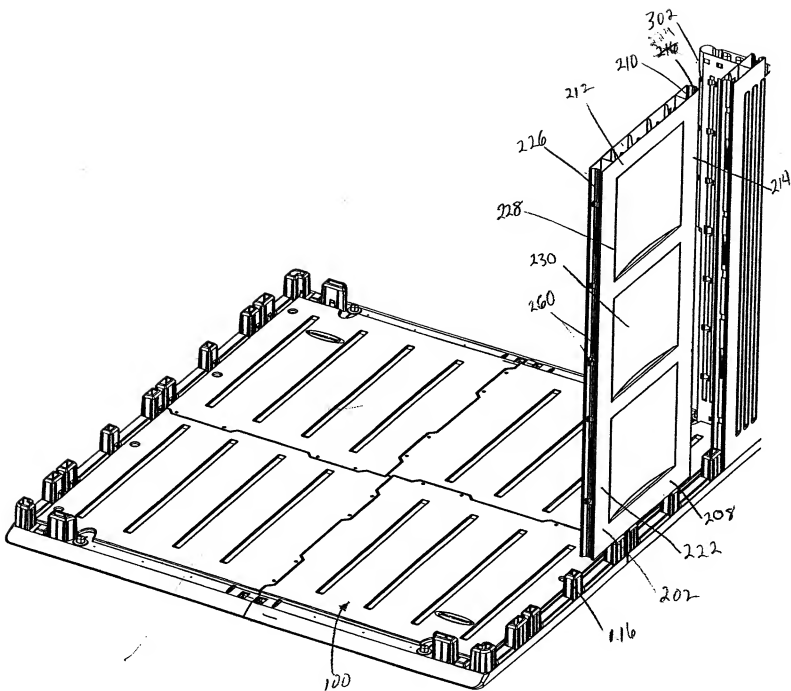


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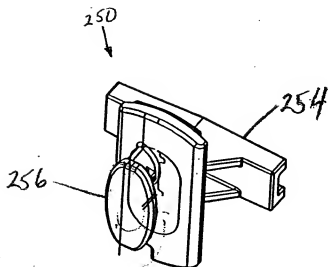


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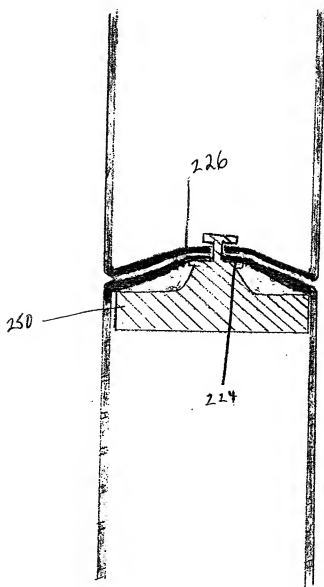


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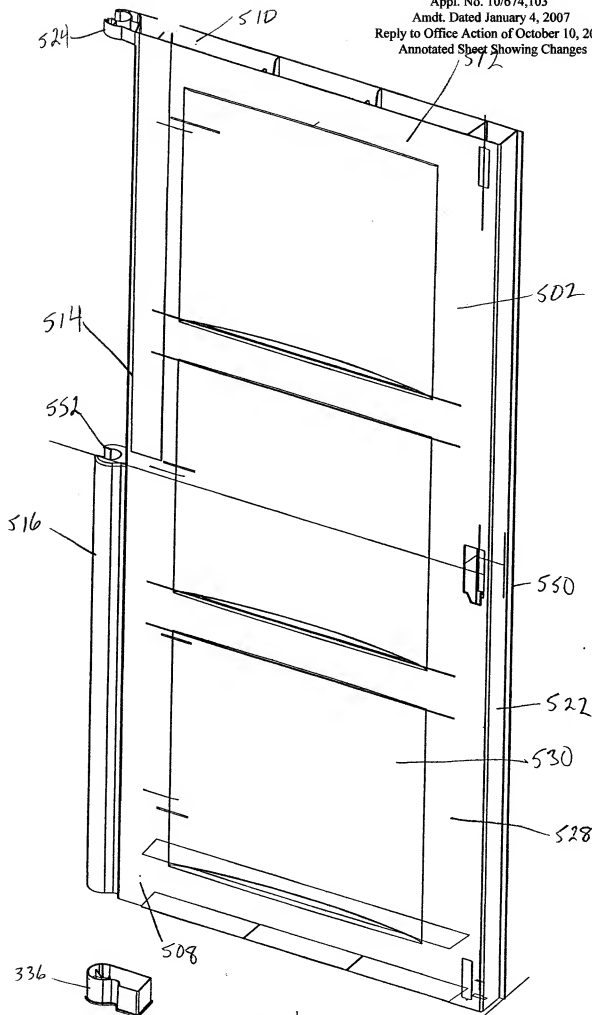
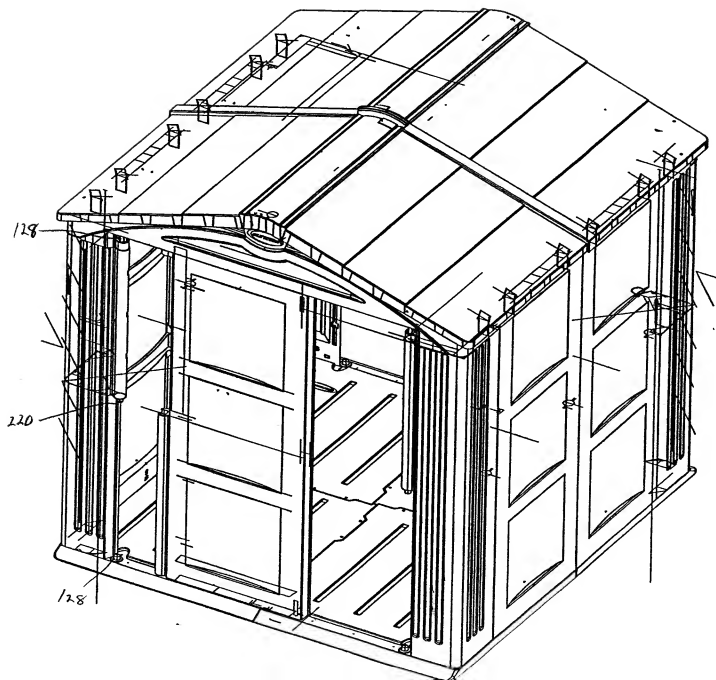


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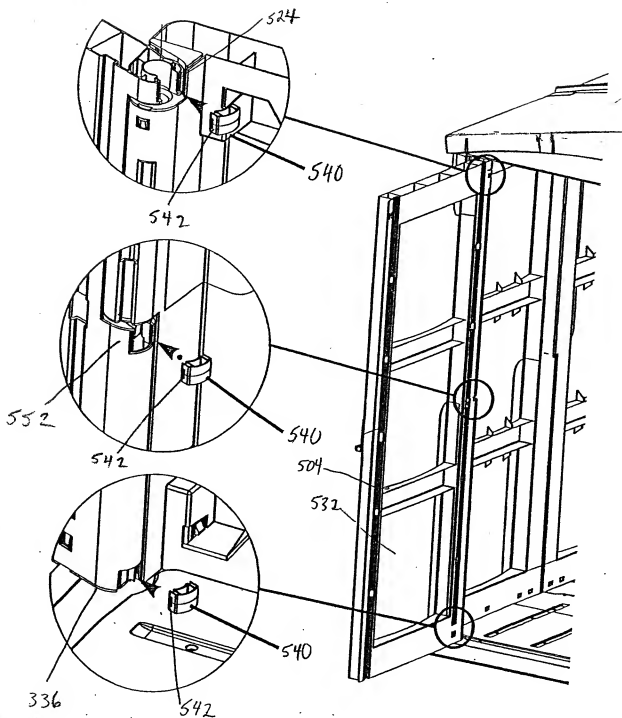


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Fig. 14

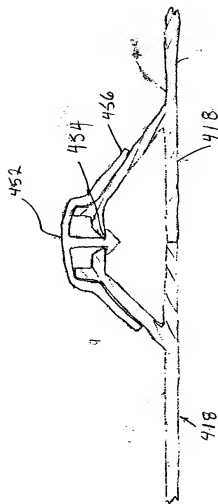
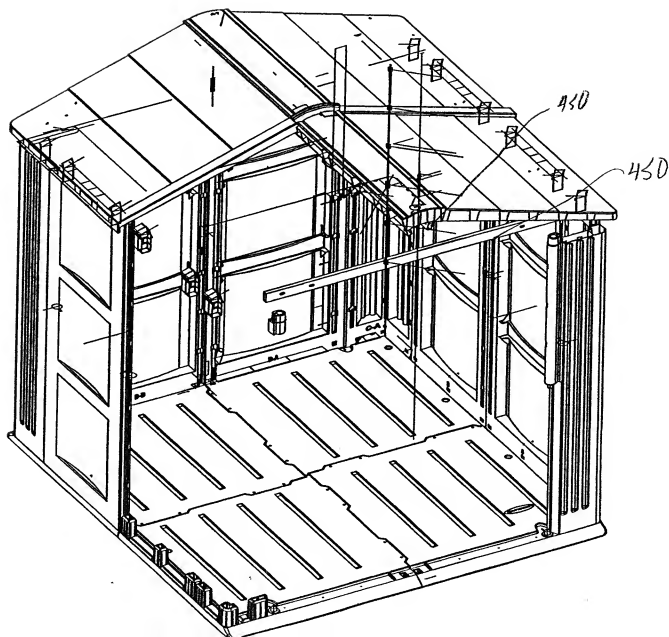


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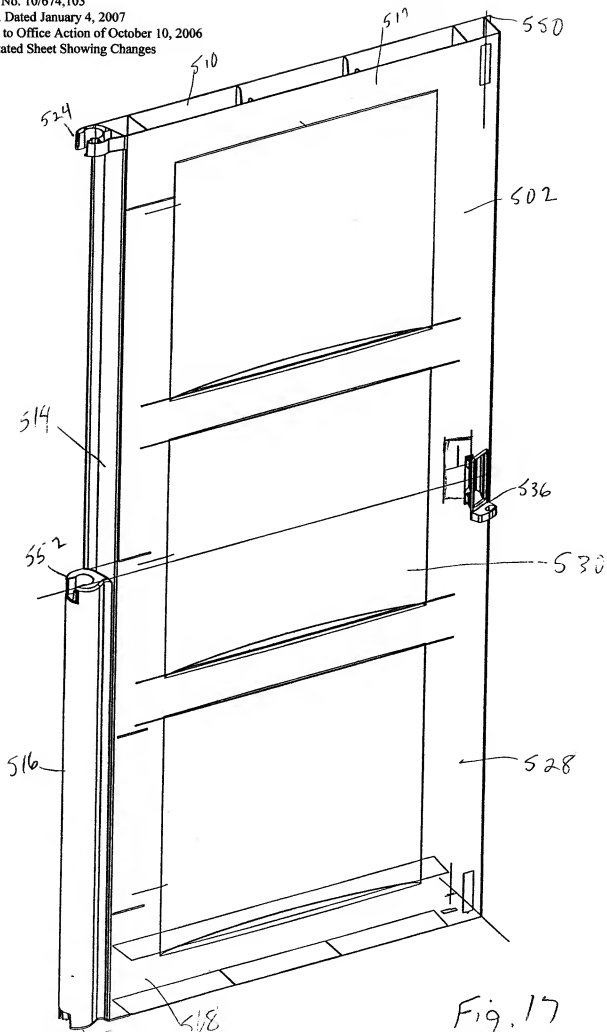
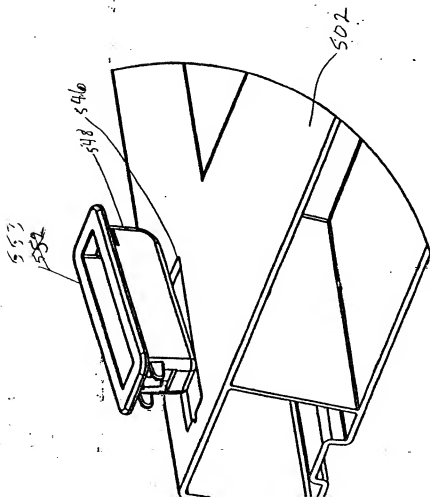
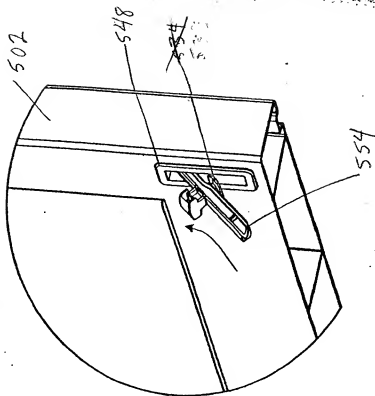


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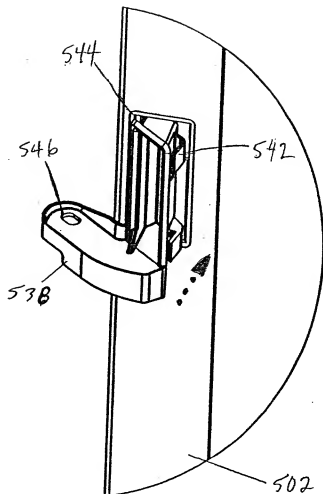


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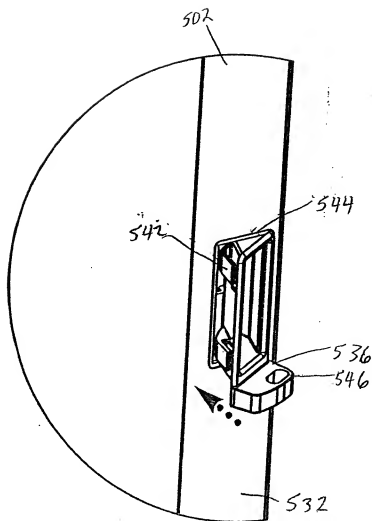


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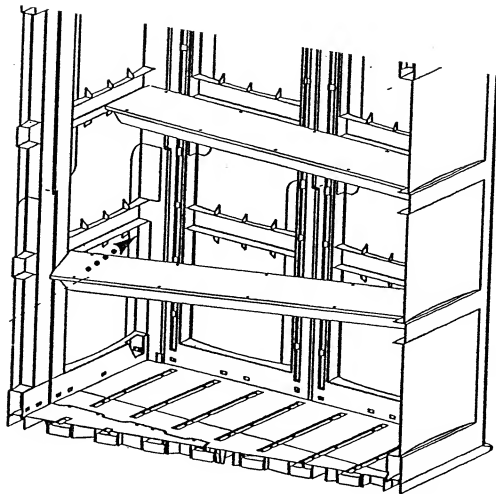


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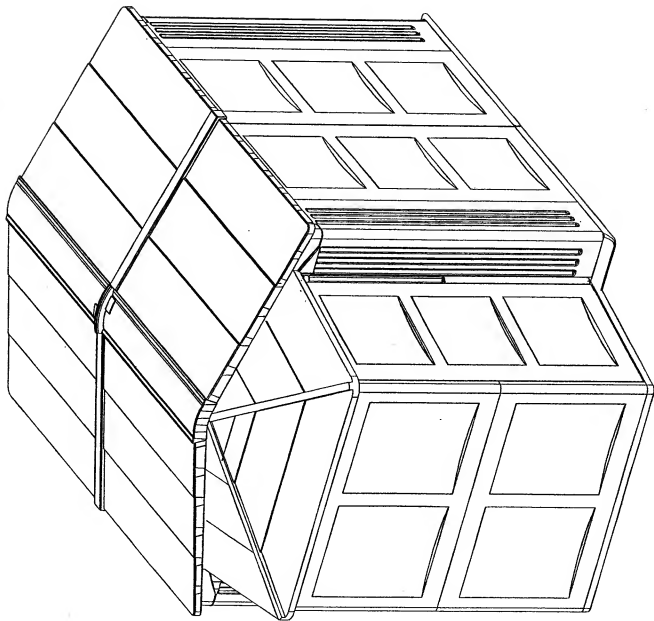


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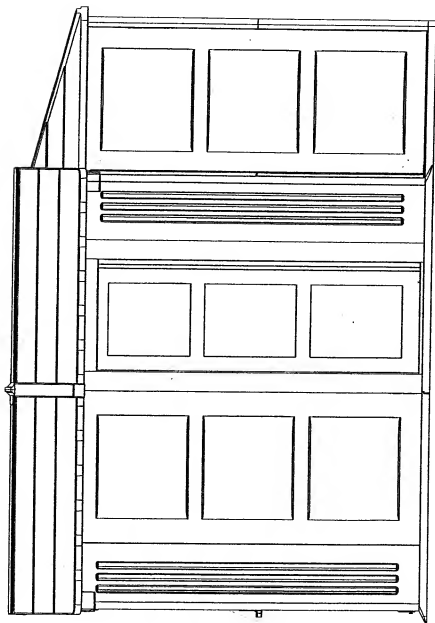


FIGURE 24